

IT’S TIME TO CLEAN OUT AGAIN!

- Put out materials **no more than two days before** your scheduled pickup.
 - Set materials **at the curb before 7 a.m.** on your curbside pickup day.
 - **Trucks will go through only once** on your scheduled day. If you miss the curbside pickup, call your trash hauler who will pick up your refuse for a fee.
 - **Seniors or residents who are disabled:** Unable to handle the materials?
- Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captains – or call the Human Services Information Line in advance for volunteer availability, 952-563-8737 V/TTY.

SCHEDULE

| Location | Regular trash day is: | Curbside pickup is Saturday: |
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| East of Portland | Monday | April 8 |
| Portland to Penn | Tuesday | April 22 |
| Penn to France | Wednesday | April 29 |
| France to Normandale | Thursday | May 6 |
| West of Normandale | Friday | May 20 |

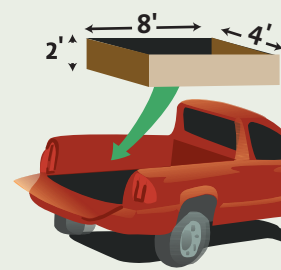
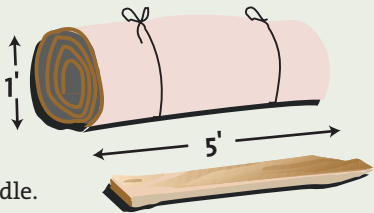
QUESTIONS?

CALL 952-563-8750.

Do you have items you would like to sell? Why not hold a garage sale? See page 5.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- **General junk:** Boxed or bundled – under 100 pounds per item. No scrap metal or household trash such as food.
- **Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc. Limit TWO appliances per house. **No need to call ahead.**
- **Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- **Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Office desks, clothesline poles and swing sets are examples of large scrap metal. Remove wood, rubber, cement and all nonmetal materials. NO cast iron tubs or items over 150 pounds. Take items that fit into an automobile to the Hennepin County Problem Facility for recycling. *See box below.*



- **Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hideaway sofa beds so they cannot open during handling.
- **Mattresses/box springs.**
- **Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.

- **BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than four inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn.



OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777

TU, TH, F 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
SA 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.
- **Tires and batteries.**
- **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, stereos.
- **Recyclable materials:** Bottles, cans, paper.
- **Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners – call ahead, 612-348-5832.
- **Small scrap metal** that fits into a car trunk.



BURNSVILLE LANDFILL

952-890-3248

- Concrete, bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks, toilets.
- Shingles.

NSP COMPOSTING

Burnsville, 952-736-1915

- Leaves, grass clippings, sod.
- Stumps, logs.

These facilities may charge a fee for disposal.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSIBLE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE IMPOSES FEES ON CHRONIC OFFENDERS

THE CITY CONTINUES TO USE AND DEVELOP TOOLS THAT MAINTAIN BLOOMINGTON’S appearance and focus on quality of life issues. To address repeated calls for law enforcement response to nuisance conduct or private property conditions, the City Council is considering an ordinance to impose a fee on the fourth nuisance service call within a year. Property owners, in addition to tenants, managers and mortgage holders, will be provided notice of City responses and warned of potential fees.

The ordinance covers all private properties where the physical condition is repeatedly out of compliance with the City’s nuisance code or when law enforcement officers are repeatedly called due to conduct that is harmful to the health, safety and welfare of the community. The ordinance also applies to a person who makes repeated calls about violations that are unfounded. The fee for chronic offenses will be between \$200 and \$2,000, depending on the City’s actual costs for response. If left unpaid, the nuisance service call fee may be assessed against the property.

The goal of the ordinance is to encourage responsible property management. Other cities across the country and in Minnesota have approved similar ordinances and have had successful results with compliance. Within one to two years after an ordinance was instituted, chronic calls to problem properties were ultimately reduced.

If approved, the ordinance will be in effect at the end of April. For more information, call 952-563-4895 .

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it’s saving energy or guarding Bloomington’s natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...

EARTH ACTION HEROES

THE GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM



MEMBERS OF THE GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM CAME UP WITH A BRIGHT IDEA: SELL energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs to members after worship services. Some team members also took the campaign to the Friendship Village retirement community. In total, about 550 light bulbs were sold.

To help reduce global warming and encourage renewable energy and energy conservation, the team is also making their building more energy efficient.

“We had a building energy audit that revealed ways to save energy and money,” Committee Chair Lisa Herschberger said. “The team recommends purchasing wind power, a renewable source of electricity, for the church and encourages members to do so for their homes. We also support a Renewable Electricity Standard that would require Minnesota utilities to gradually increase the amount of new, renewable energy they use to 20 percent.”

Herschberger has found the Green Sanctuary Team, members of the Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, to be “a great way to bring people together in community, share ideas, work for a common cause and discover the wide range of talents that everyone brings to the effort.”

The team developed a partnership with other faith organizations throughout the metropolitan area to share ideas with similar teams in other congregations. The goal is to help members know how they can be good stewards of the earth.

“Each faith organization has their own language of talking about caring for the environment,” Herschberger said. “But the message is the same: we must leave the world a better place for generations to come – a healthy and sustainable environment.”